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News Gleanings FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS Of The District

BRANT

Mrs. Ira Olsen was a Calgary visitor for several days last week.

Sympathies of the Brant residents are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fox on the passing of their infant son Jimmy. Requiem mass was held Tuesday morning at High River.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Olsen are spending a few days in High River.

The Brant Boy Scouts received letters this week from two of the Brant boys now serving in England to whom cigarettes were sent at Christmas. Their appreciation is passed on to those who made the sending of the cigarettes possible by their donations to the tobacco fund.

Miss Irene Gould has returned to Calgary, after spending a few days with her parents in Brant.

Safe-crackers struck again in Brant last week. Their first stop was the P.R. section house, which they forced, stealing a quantity of gasoline and two pickheads which they used to break the lock on the J. B. McKay store. Gaining entrance they went to work and in less than ten minutes had blown the safe twice and escaped with slightly over \$400 as their loot. Although the burglar alarms, with which the store is fitted, rang, the job was done so quickly that citizens who rushed to the scene were too late to apprehend the thieves and police summoned to Brant searched the countryside to no avail. One suspect was arrested at the Davisburg bridge east of Okotoks early in the morning and was charged with possession of house-breaking tools. He will face trial Feb. 8. The burglars also broke into the Beaver Lumber office but nothing was stolen there.

EASTWAY

Mrs. M. P. Marshall was hostess at a Social Club card party on Jan. 28, with six tables in play. Mrs. Onstad, Harold Johnston, A. Sokvitne and S. Johnson were the prize winners.

Mrs. Bond is at home again after her recent illness.

Mrs. F. Lent has been in Calgary for several days, taking treatments at the Holy Cross hospital.

Mrs. Amey has returned from a two weeks' visit in Okotoks and district.

The erection of a snow fence at the Union Jack coulee is greatly appreciated by the residents of this district.

REID HILL-MILO

At the meeting of the Community Bridge Club at Mrs. A. McKay's home Wednesday night, Mrs. Bruce McKay and Les Marshall held highest scores.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Drummond and Burrell are Valley visitors this week. Frank Muir was a Blackie visitor over the week-end.

Sharon Phillips who has been seriously ill with the flu has recovered.

Friends of Tommy Vickers will be sorry to learn that he has been taken to the Bassano hospital.

Mrs. Prentice is spending a few days in Calgary.

Mr. Ellers left on Thursday for his home in Montana after spending two months with relatives in the district.

Charles Northcott was a week-end visitor to the city.

Mr. Brinker has returned home after spending a week in Calgary with his family.

The Reid Hill W.I. has received letters of thanks from the district boys overseas, for Xmas parcels received.

L. G. Clifford is holidaying at the Coast.

Mrs. Alma Reid of Calgary, is a visitor at present at the home of her mother, Mrs. L. Kuykendall.

Growing Demand Alta-Alaska Road

Supporting Route Through
Prairies Rather Than by
Way of B.C.

It is likely that tangible action will be taken this year in developing a U. S. Alaska highway.

From many quarters, there are indications that a route through Alberta is finding strong support in the United States. One group favors a route from Charleston, South Carolina, to Alaska. This road would run through North Dakota, across the prairie provinces to Saskatoon and Edmonton, thence north. Another group is advocating a highway link from Great Falls, Montana, then north to Lethbridge, Calgary and Edmonton.

Excessive cost of a road through British Columbia has been pointed out by opponents; that north of Hazelton there is a trackless wilderness through which 1,100 miles of road



WMADYCE ALLAN
Mayor of Vulcan, who was re-elected by acclamation on Monday.

Winter and Spring Make Fine End

Mildest January in Many
Years; Open Roads and Sun-
shine, Winter 1940-41: Still
To Come

Everything is speeded up these days, and in all the confusion, the winter of 1940-41 has apparently got lost. Spring started in December or January instead of the customary March and calculations on February 4 indicate that summer will start in April, and autumn in July. That is, unless a sudden Arctic wind blows up, and the seasons re-shuffle themselves.

At any rate, up to Feb. 4, there has not been one customary winter blizzard roaring down upon us, a few foggy days and flutters of snow, but no typical winter storms. There was a short spell of zero and sub-zero in November. At the beginning of January there were three zero days to launch the bonspiel, and on Jan. 24, we had one bitter day which outraged the populace with its twenty below. But chinooks have come to the rescue with every threat of cold, and the past two months have been a real revival of the good old days when chinooks maintained command during the winter. There are dark predictions that we will pay up in February and March but in the meantime, all goes well.

There has been a great saving on fuel bills, and whatever lies ahead, people have got off comparatively lightly in the two ordinarily heavy months of December and January.

The one sour note is struck in the various realms of winter sports, which have fallen far below customary average of action so far. And as the days move on toward spring, interest is apt to lapse regardless of weather.

Hockey, skating and curling have been hit and miss, on again, off again. These sports failed to keep up the promise of the early opening dates, and action has not been to the tastes of those who enjoy and benefit by energizing winter exercise. The curlers have done very little since early in January, and hockey dates have all been subject to postponement and change. This makes it difficult to carry out any satisfactory league play.

It just does not seem normal for the young people to be without the continued round of ice sports. They are the better for them. But nothing is absolutely perfect in this world, and probably the mild weather has brought good to the greatest number

would have to be built at an estimated cost of \$25,000,000.

On the other hand, the route from Alberta north, linking with the highways of this province, could be built to Fairbanks for \$10,000,000, it is estimated.

The provincial public works minister, Hon. W. A. Fallow, has stated that with adequate funds and equipment working on different stretches so that all parts could be finished at the same time, the whole road could be completed in one year.

Use Winter Road

The Alberta route would run over the present 350 mile winter road from Grimshaw to Hay River or Fort Providence, on Great Slave lake. Then it would follow the Mackenzie river to a point 40 miles south of Fort Norman. Then on to the Yukon.—Voice of Motorist.

150 Banff residents are at work on the new power-project of the Calgary Power company at Lake Minnewanka.

Gayda, Fascist editor and Mussolini spokesman, says Italy welcomes Hitler's speech Friday "as confirming that the joint war will come to victorious conclusion within the year."

Justice W. R. Howson sentenced William Colpitts, suspended Alberta government fur farm supervisor, to two months hard labour and a fine of \$300. He was found guilty of accepting a \$150 bribe from Simpson, a Calgary fur dealer.

Civic Posts Filled By Acclamation

W. D. Allan Re-elected
Mayor; Edward Arney and
William Brown Elected to
Council

There will be no civic elections in Vulcan this year, all vacant posts on the town council, the school board and the hospital board being filled by acclamation.

W. D. Allan was re-elected mayor and the two vacant seats in the council will be filled by Edward Arney (re-elected) and William Brown. The retiring council member is R. R. Martin, the other vacancy occurring through the elevation of Mr. Allan from the council to the mayoralty. The other members of the town council are P. McArdle, W. B. Jamison, F. M. Anderson and D. L. Buehler.

Mrs. Jessie M. Gold and Fred T. Graham were re-elected to the school board and Mrs. W. A. Schehek was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of H. B. Ulrich. L. H. Jones and Guy Denbigh are the other members of the school board.

W. D. Allan was re-elected as the Town of Vulcan member on the Hospital Board.

Kirkcaldy Institute Appoints Convenors

The Kirkcaldy Women's Institute met on Thursday last at the home of Mrs. W. Manro, with nine members and two visitors present. Current events was convened by Mrs. Clements and the roll call was answered with recipes for hot drinks.

Further officers and committees for the coming year were appointed as follows: Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. H. Todd; Public Health and Child Welfare, Mrs. W. Brinton; Education, Mrs. Williams; International Relations, Mrs. D. H. Galbraith; Handicraft, Mrs. DeFreese; Household Economics, Mrs. Munro; Legislation, Mrs. Hagerman; Committees: Red Cross, Mrs. H. Todd, Mrs. Boose and Mrs. DeFreese; Sick Committee: Mrs. Munro, Mrs. Brinton and Mrs. Hagerman; Auditor: Mrs. D. H. Galbraith and Mrs. Williams. Press Correspondent: Mrs. B. Maisey.

It was decided to look after the

District Oldtimer, Francis Baden Dies

Funeral services for Francis Baden 88, district old-timer and oldest citizen, who died in a Calgary hospital on Friday, January 31st, following a brief illness were held in the United Church at High River on Sunday at 2:30 Rev. A. H. Rowe officiating.

Mr. Baden was born at Woodstock, Ont., and was married in 1876 to Miss Mary Ross. The family moved west in 1905 and settled on a farm in the High River district. In 1909 they moved to the Vulcan district where they have continued to live ever since.

Surviving are three sons, H. A. of Vulcan, J. L. of Calgary, and G. B. of Longview, and three daughters Miss Gladys Baden of Vulcan, Mrs. V. J. Bertrand of Milo, and Mrs. H. T. Nixon of Nanton. There are also 14 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Interment was made in the Highwood cemetery with the Snodgrass Funeral Home in charge.

comforts of the soldiers who had gone from this district throughout the year. Programmes were discussed and various suggestions were given to the committee, who will meet at the home of Mrs. Clements on Feb. 6 to make out programmes. It was decided that instead of meeting for Red Cross work the members will take the work home to do. Each member is to make two patch quilt blocks 24x28 inches before the next meeting. Mrs. D. H. Galbraith will donate the batt and lining for one quilt. An invitation from the Good Deeds W.I. was read and accepted.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. D. H. Galbraith on Feb. 27. A contest conducted by Mrs. B. Maisey was won by Mrs. Hiltz and a dainty lunch was served by the hostess.

CROCKET — CASPELL

A quiet wedding of interest here was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents at Nanton on Wednesday, January 29th, when Viola, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Caspell, formerly of Vulcan, became the bride of Mr. William Crockett of Nanton. Rev. E. F. Pinder officiating. A reception for fifty guests was held at the Caspell home following the ceremony. After a short honeymoon spent in Calgary, the young couple will make their home at Nanton.

Brief Items of Local Interest

Mrs. J. Caldwell of Edmonton is a visitor at the Dr. Nicol home.

Mrs. Glen Phillips left on Monday for a month's holiday at the coast.

Morgan Snow has returned from Galloway, B.C. where he spent several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Leverington motored to Calgary the first of the week.

Mrs. M. S. Hanson of Little Chicago is spending a week visiting with her daughters.

Pte. and Mrs. Howard Leverington and baby of Calgary, were recent visitors in the district.

Corporal G. P. Discher of the R.C. A.F., St. St. Thomas, Ont., spent a short leave with friends in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Kettleton and family and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Simington and sons were visitors at the Wenger home at Okotoks on Sunday.

The W.M.S. of the United Church will in future meet on the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. W. B. Jamison on Feb. 13th.

William Monkman, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Monkman, left this week to enter into training as a wireless operator in the R.C.A.F. With him go the best wishes of the community.

Word has been received here of the death at Calgary of baby James Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fox of Brant on February 1st. Mrs. Fox was the former Dorothy Johns.

Don't forget the Scout tea to be held in the Legion hall on Saturday, February 8th, from 3 to 5 p.m. A dainty lunch including chicken a la king will be served and valuable door prizes drawn for.

District No. 4 of the Alberta W.I. will hold its annual conference in the Marquis hotel, Lethbridge, on March 3th and 7th. The theme will be "Blessed be the Tie that Binds." It is hoped that many ladies will take advantage of this opportunity to attend an interesting meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Frew of Longview are district visitors.

Mr. W. Campbell is spending a couple of weeks at Vancouver.

Don't forget the Red Cross dance on Friday, Feb. 14, in the Oddfellows' hall.

Spring-like weather has prevailed this week and the snow has pretty well disappeared.

Mrs. B. D. Lockhart of Warner is spending a couple of weeks at the N. D. Lockhart home.

Miss Realtor Hanna of Calgary, spent the week-end at the home of her parents in the Lomond district.

Mrs. Allan Marshall of Trail, B.C., and her infant daughter, Barbara Jean, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marshall.

We appreciate receiving news items of local interest. Please hand such items in at the Advocate office or telephone 36.

The regular meeting of the Vulcan W.I. will be held at the home of Mrs. F. B. Clark on Friday, February 7th. Roll Call will be Valentine work.

K. Roy McLean — Optometrist — Regular Visit — King Drug Store, Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 11th. Calgary — 209 Southam Bldg., last four days of week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hill, Mrs. Ruth Green and Mrs. M. L. Todd motored to Lethbridge on Saturday to attend the Galt Hospital graduation exercises and a banquet afterwards.

Tenderpad badges in the 1st Vulcan Wolf Cubs have been awarded to Donnie Bateman, Wendell Wolfe and Allan Clark. First Star badges were awarded to Billie Irvine, Ralph Walker and Billie Herdman.

Sponsored by J. T. Willard, McCormick-Deering dealer, a free program of movies and a short quiz contest will be held in the Vulcan theatre at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14. The 2 o'clock show is for farmers and their ladies and a short repeat performance will be held at 5 o'clock for school students and residents of the town.



MISS EILEEN HILL

Graduating last week from the nurses' training school of the Galt Hospital, Lethbridge, Miss Hill was awarded the gold medal for highest proficiency.

Nurses' Proficiency Medal Awarded Miss Eileen Hill

Honor came to Vulcan last week when one of our native daughters, Miss Eileen Hill, was awarded the Taylor Memorial Medal for general proficiency at the 1941 graduation exercises of the Galt Hospital, Lethbridge. Her average academic marks for the three years training were 83% and in making the award, Captain T. E. Brown remarked that her record was one of which she could well be proud.

Miss Hill, who is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hill, now of the Buffalo Hills district, received most of her schooling here, where her application to her studies and diligent work always placed her high in her class. Her hosts of friends here join the Advocate in extending heartfelt congratulations of her accomplishment.

Eastern Grist Mill Patrons Escape Flour Processing Tax

Many farmers of these western provinces get their own wheat ground into flour for their own consumption at the small country flour mills, paying in cash the government processing tax of 15 cents per bushel. Revenue from the tax is used for war purposes and few complaints against it have been heard from the western farmer, although it has to be paid in cash and cash is a scarce item with many grain growers.

But, protests against farmers in Quebec and the three Maritimes provinces having to pay the tax on grain which they produce and have ground into flour at old grist mills, for their own use, have been effective, for the government has just exempted farmers in the four provinces from paying the tax when the flour is consumed in their own homes.

Although the tax was pictured as a heavy burden on the old grist-mill patrons, it transpires that the total collected from them in the four provinces was only \$900, while farmers in the West are contributing far more than that through the flour mills. The Vulcan Flour Mill alone collected and forwarded over \$2,300 in processing tax during the past season and, in this district at least, protests are being heard over this seeming discrimination.

Visits Ont. After 41 Years—Too Cold

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Holden of Brant have returned home after a holiday spent at Almonte, Ontario. This was Mr. Holden's first visit to Ontario in 41 years, and it turned a frosty shoulder to him. Human hospitality and warmth was all that could be found anywhere, but nature was far from amiable. According to the story there were forty days and forty nights when the sun refused to grace the scene and the weather was altogether too cold, for anyone hailing from the land of the winter chinook, the land of the open range, the land of summer in January.

However, there were many interesting trips round Ontario to enliven the visit. Almonte is thirty miles from Ottawa. The capital is a busy centre these times, and the public buildings well worth seeing. Other near-by towns which the Albertans visited were Renfrew and Arnprior. There are large military camps operating in that section of Ontario.

Keep your Advocate subscription paid up.

Curlers Advance In MacDonald Briar

Representing the Vulcan Curling Club, a rink skipped by Roy Patriquin last week defeated curlers from Nanton and Claresholm in the MacDonald Briar playdowns for this part of the province. Previously, rinks at each town had played off for the honor of representing their individual clubs. The Donnelly rink from Nanton and the Jenkins rink from Claresholm represented those towns, the games being played at Vulcan last week.

Members of the Vulcan rink are Roy Patriquin, skip; T. B. Lebeau, third; L. H. Jones, second; and W. D. Allan, lead. This rink will compete in the provincial semi-final playdowns at Calgary as soon as weather permits.

Rebekah Lodge Installs Officers

Installation of officers for Clover Leaf Rebekah Lodge, No. 37, was held recently when the following officers were named:

P.N.G., Mrs. Opal Drummond; N.G., Mrs. Mabel Rae; V.G., Marjorie Lommatzsch; R.S., Mrs. Viola Menzinger; F.S., Miss Margaret Hanson; Treas., Mrs. Ethel Dawson; I.G., Mrs. Maud Hawkins; O.G., Mrs. Eva Bowie; Chaplain, Mrs. Mabel Pedersen; Conductor, Mrs. Elizabeth McMillan; Warden, Mrs. Gail Walker; R.S.N.G., Mrs. Margaret McPherson; L.S.N.G., Mrs. Alice Clark; R.S.V.G., Miss Gladys Hanson; L.S.V.G., Mrs. Emma Lommatzsch; Pianist, Mrs. Urretta Melvor.

"Conchies" to Have Some Form Training

500 Alberta Conscientious
Objectors to Report For
Some Form of Service

Close to 500 Alberta Mennonites and so-called "conscientious objectors" between the ages of 21 and 24 will be ordered to report to their own doctors for medical examinations before spring, J. P. McIsaac, divisional registrar of the provincial war services board, said.

He said the men would be called for medical tests so they would be able to undergo some form of non-combatant training in the spring. In Manitoba Thursday, it was announced 1,000 Mennonites and conscientious objectors would be called for medical examinations immediately.

Question of training Mennonites and conscientious objectors has been receiving the attention of national war service board officials in Ottawa since the start of the training scheme last fall.

It has been suggested at various times men in this category will be sent to specially-built camps where they will be instructed in first aid, ambulance driving, and other forms of non-combatant service outside of the actual bearing of arms.

The Alberta war services board probably will meet next week to consider the matter. definite announcement regarding the time the men will be called for medical examinations will be made at that time.

Farm Lab. Shortage

(Amherstburg Echo)

The other day, one of our farmer friends was in The Echo office and told us that his hired man had left that day to take a position in one of the automotive plants in Windsor. Naturally this farmer could not afford to pay the wages to this man that were offered by the industrial concern. This is but one of the many like cases that has come to our attention in the last few weeks. There is every reason to believe that there will be an acute shortage of farm labor this spring and summer. Surely, to goodness now is the time for the government to take prompt action to prevent such a thing. Goodness only knows the farmers have been asked to contribute more than their share towards the war effort because of the prevailing low farm prices. Now they are faced with a labor shortage. The production of food is as essential as the production of war materials and every care must be taken to insure that sufficient food is raised to meet requirements in Canada and Great Britain. The drain of farm labor to the industrial centres is a serious problem at the present time. It will increase in the coming months.

CBC has started a new series of plays starting 6:30 Sunday evenings. Foremost dramatists such as Paul Muni, Anna Neagle, Charles Laughton, etc., are presenting the plays which are from famous dramatists. There are 12 plays in the series.

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One Way to Save

THE average weekly newspaper office is literally buried under propaganda, coming from every conceivable source. This is usually accompanied by the ingratiating suggestion that it has great value from the reader standpoint. The bureau of public information, agriculture, trade and commerce—all the departments of government are sending out material in a never-ending stream. Added to this are bulletins from all the various charitable organizations, from corporation and business houses galore.

It is incredible the number of agencies for good in the country; the number of businesses all out to present their high purposes in life. And they are all seeking to use the newspapers by way of free space, in order to reach the public and get the message over.

No one disputes the splendid work that charitable organizations are doing, and it would be a fine thing to be able to pass on more word of their accomplishments. The same may be said to lesser degree of much of the government information. But the fact is that the weekly paper has to choose between this propaganda and local news. It is impossible with limited space to serve both. So practically all of this voluminous material goes into the waste paper basket. The weekly newspaper is primarily concerned with community affairs, which alone justify its publication.

One wonders that this steady waste of funds is permitted. There must be someone at the various headquarters who knows the limitations of space of every newspaper. It must surely be realized that not a fraction is used. Yet hundreds of officials are writing these pep stories. Good paper is used in fabulous quantity. The presses roll; the bulletins are mailed out, across the Dominion. It is a terrible waste at a time when these should be no waste, least of all amongst groups which should set an example.

If one tenth or even one-fiftieth of all this propaganda were sent out, it would be much more effective and much more likely to reach the people, through the press. It is the very mass and volume of it all, which results in almost complete loss. Here at least is one obvious waste of funds for which there is no justification.

Tax Free

A news story not long ago stated that in the city of Halifax 40% of the assessed property is exempt from taxation, and that a resident who now pays \$100 taxes would pay only \$60 if all the real estate in the city were subject to taxation. The same story instanced government-owned property, which goes tax-free and which is at the same time in direct competition with private property which has to pay heavy municipal tax.

The position of Halifax is regarded as an outstanding example of injustices which exist all over the Dominion, in every centre where government-owned, revenue producing facilities are in operation. In some instances these tax-free properties present competition to existing businesses. In other cases, they draw their revenue from the district, but are freed from any contribution to municipal revenue, because the governments say so.

From every part of the dominion, from cities and towns and municipalities, comes a mounting outcry against this inequality of tax burden. The Sirois commission found this one of the rankling grievances of the municipal bodies and citizens' organizations. To small or great degree it exists everywhere.

In areas where large government-owned projects are launched, the situation will become increasingly marked.

One argument presented is that it is only just that all business undertakings be taxed on exactly the same basis. Only in that way can there be any accurate estimate of the cost of operation and the success of operation.

War Savings

IN an effort to assist war purposes on a scale which may be small individually, but may be great in the aggregate, a campaign is launched this month for war savings pledges. The present drive is expected to bring \$120,000,000 to aid in equipping Canadian soldiers with munitions of war.

It is hoped to enlist 2,000,000 Canadian men and women in systematic subscription to War Savings certificates. This is not a gift but a loan to the government, on which interest is paid. Each potential investor will be pledged to make monthly purchases, within his ability. Employers may be authorized to make regular payroll deductions, or individuals may make honor pledges to the committees to give regularly.

In opening the appeal to the public, Prime Minister King forecast that within a few weeks Britain will be engaged in a war of unprecedented fury. He said: "The government appeals to you to lend some part of your income to your country. Every dollar loaned will be used to defend freedom. Every dollar loaned will be a bond between the one who loans his money, and the one who fights. By lending freely you will be helping to save human lives; you will yourself become a defender of freedom."

Pertinent Topics

DISCUSSED BY H.C.

A man who calls himself a public relations counsel (euphemism for publicity director or advertising agent) writes that the French in Quebec have grievances that the English would do well to remove. Big business is in the hands of the English and the French are discriminated against. We do not know whom he is counsel for but he is not doing a service to his clients whoever they are. Any large corporation would prefer to hire a man who speaks French if other things are equal. Jean Charles Hervey, a French editor, gives better counsel. He urges the French to learn English. Premier Godbout, too, is a better guide, and he proposes to alter the curriculum so that French children may start out under even better conditions than English children.

Fond as he is of orating, Hitler would not orate now if he could avoid it which he would not do on the eighth anniversary of his rise to power. He knows his star is in declension. There were only 18,000 to hear him and what he said attracted little attention as compared with former efforts heard all over the world. His partisans cheered his assurance of victory this year just as they did assurance of victory last year or the year before. He does not need to care what he tells them—they are there to cheer, not think, or even remember. The older ones at home probably did some thinking and remembering, but are afraid to do so out loud.

Anyone who can tell what is going on in Roumania is better informed than we. When Carol was King the Iron Guards were rebels; when German troops came in the Iron Guards were patriots; and although Antonescu is Hitler's factotum these Guards who turned against him are again described as rebels. The best guess is that in the meantime the Comintern had got in its work which consists of boring from within any organization at all. Apparently the large German army there kept out of the picture and let Roumanian Nazi fight each other.

Canadians are asked to cut down on luxuries and some one asks what the government considers luxuries if the Canadian National Montreal terminals are not on the list.

German-Italian stamps are issued, each bearing pictures of the Fuehrer and Duce. It gives their people a chance to lick them both at the same time.

The new order in Europe is readily distinguishable. It is always accompanied by disaster, riots, insurrections, bloodshed and prison camps. Wop General speaking:

I always serve on land, not sea
Yet when the enemy we meet
I find, as chief of infantry,
That I'm commander of the fleet.

Premier Bracken of Manitoba threatens to boycott British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario because their Premiers opposed the Sirois recommendations. He suggests Manitoba can get lumber and apples from some place other than B.C.; coal from some place other than Alberta, and its people can borrow money elsewhere than Ontario. It looks like a vicious threat to cut off the nose.

People in Manitoba need Alberta coal this winter, and B.C. apples and lumber are also useful there. Ontario banks and loan companies were as strongly favorable to the Sirois recommendations as Mr. Bracken, especially that one which would give federal guarantee to their Manitoba loans. In Alberta and B.C., it is possible that a majority agreed, so why penalize them because their Premiers did not? And in a spirit of sweet reasonableness why should we bear a grudge against Manitoba because its Premier being petulant, talked nonsense.

There is duplication and overlapping of services at Ottawa that call for some more co-ordinators. There is J. S. Duncan for instance who since he became Deputy for Air has been active in season and out advertising the exploits of the government. It was he (or was it?) who first reported that the output of combat planes this year would be double that of last year. He was wise enough to deal in percentages. There was a 25% increase in this; there would be 100% increase in that; while the other was ahead of schedule or above the estimate. That is better than telling what the schedule or estimate was.

Mr. Howe, too, barges in on his return from England with the story that Britain is going to export war plants to Canada. It made everybody feel prosperous until it appeared that if this is so there must be something wrong with Canada. What is the matter with our industrial plants here if some of them cannot be transformed into war plants? His promise of vast expansion this year and next distracted attention from his failure to produce planes this year and last.

In glowing terms Mr. King paid tribute to the work done by Mr. Duncan as Deputy for Air. It was earned for ever since his appointment, the Deputy has passed up no chance to speak a good word for the government. He is back now with the Massey Harris Co. where his directors will insist on information more accurate and promises more specific.

Col. Ralston, probably the best and most industrious member of the Cabinet, had to include in his broadcast a statement to the effect that Mr. Churchill was pleased with Canada's war effort. If he said anything for publication that is what he would say, but whether he said it or not, he would not repudiate it. Col. Ralston also quoted him as saying he was pleased with what Canada is going to do, and he has more reason to be pleased with the prospects than the performances.

Did you notice how generously the credit for successes in North Africa is given to Australians. One would think there were no others there at all. Under like conditions they would give credit to Canadians. But we are not neglected. The government has seen to it that a large and well-paid Bureau was installed to give us the necessary publicity.



"She says she's sorry—but she only suits 'off the face' hats."

Church Notes

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

"God cares for His own. If he notes the sparrows fall do you think He will care for You? Though we are least of all His children and so unworthy of His love, yet for us there is His kind remembrance in the Father's heart of love. The Saviour gently whispers: 'Are ye not much better than they?'"

ANGLICAN CHURCH

In order to ensure uniformity of in-

struction, the Diocese of Calgary, has provided its clergy with a course of subjects for the sermons in the present season. That for the Sunday called Setuagesima is "Creation" and will be discussed on Sunday evening next. Country points may hear this dealt with when listening in to 11 a.m. service from Calgary. Services at St. Aldhelm's church will be Holy Communion at 11 a.m., church school at 12.15 and Evensong at 7.30. Eastway school service at 3 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH

11 a.m. morning worship. Sermon:

"The Tree of the Field." A special service emphasizing the value of God's gift of trees. Special musical numbers by the junior choir. A collection of grained woods of trees from every part of the world has been kindly donated by Mr. Bruce Roe. Solo by Gordon Lundgren, "I Heard the Forest Praying." 12.15 p.m., Sunday school. Adult Bible class 12.25 p.m. "Love, Law and Temperance." Winner of banner Jan. 26, Mr. Irvine's class, holder of shield, Mrs. Lebeau's class.

7.30 p.m. evening worship. Sermon, "Five Big If's." Special music by the senior choir. 8.45 p.m. Young People's Fellowship meeting. Meeting of the Board of Stewards following the evening service.

Friday, Feb. 7, at 8 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study service. Study: "Keeping and Looking."

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L. Wilmer VanAuken, Minister, Ph. 903

Order of Worship

10.30 Bible school; 11.30, church and observance of the Lord's Supper, message "The Prophecy of 'Until'" 7.10 the Vesper Hour; 7.30, Evangelistic service, message, "The necessity of the blood of Christ to be saved." 9.00 Christian Endeavour.

Wednesday, Bible study and Prayer Service at 8 p.m. Subject "Problems of the Bible."

"The Harvard plane hitherto built in United States for advance training schools is now being built in Canada near Montreal."

Premier Aberhart is quoted as saying in an Edmonton broadcast, that he is proud if he has done anything to set aside the Sirois report for the time being.

J. Johnson, the business agent for the Brotherhood of Carpenters (Calgary Union) denies that men are paying \$25 for jobs at the Claresholm R.C.A.F. work.

Calgary Trade and Labor Council passed a resolution to forward to the community chest administration, that any society benefitting by the Community Chest fund should not be allowed to solicit additional funds.

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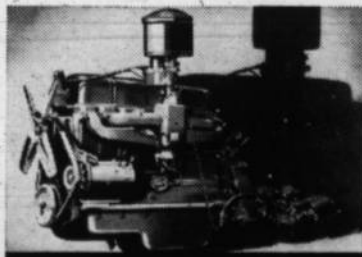
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Items From Bob Edwards' Inimitable Eye Opener

Beware of what "they say." Who are "they"? More false rumors re branch railway line; Society steps out, including McGonigle; A letter to the Eye Opener

High River Eye Opener, March 1903
We had a conversation last week with a local gentleman (color, Presbyterian) and it was pathetic to see his anxiety to prove, that "the best people in town" were against us in our recent contentions. On asking who "the best people" might be, he declined to specify, perhaps for fear we might start laughing. Vague generalities which start with "They say" and "I have heard" or "I am told by the best people," should cut no ice.—At least they don't with us.

"They Say"
"They say" is the biggest liar in Canada. Gullible and weak-minded yaps are invariably the prey. They swallow any old piece of gossip. The more mischief in it the better, if it is only prefaced by "they say." The identity of "they" is never forthcoming. Piling the onus of a lot of malice on the shoulders of a mythical "they" is a sign of moral timidity.

Chancellor in a Stew
The most insignificant chump in existence might approach the Lord Chancellor of England, and throw that gentleman into mental turmoil by saying confidentially "My Lord, I think I should tell you what they are saying about you."

"Who are saying?"
"They are saying."
"And what do they say?"
"That you are going batty."
"Who says so?"
"They say so in town."
"Name them."
"Some of the best people in town, my Lord."

"I dare not say."
"Then tell them to go plumb to Okotoks—Alberta North West Territories."

And that is the way to treat "they."

More False Rumors

The Detroit Free Press commenting on anthracite discoveries out west, has the nerve to say: "It is rumored that the surveyors will favor Okotoks as the connecting point of the branch line from the main line of the C. and E." This another of "they say" stories. So far from such a branch starting from Okotoks, all parties concerned, knowing the country and having made their reports agree that a branch from High River is the only feasible route. From High River there is a more direct line to the mines, and the grade is more favorable, and they would not have to contend with the high waters along Sheep Creek. We all know Sheep Creek.

Society Notes
It is announced that Sir Michael Rivers will visit his cold storage at Calgary on Sept. 17. Extensive arrangements are being made to give the doughty knight a proper reception. His rig will be drawn by a team of splendid bays, and arrangements have been made to have them attached to a gaily decorated hitching post while the ceremonies of pork inspection are in progress.

Sir Thomas Burns' yacht, "The III," had her heel blown away in a squall Friday while having a trial spin with the Calamity Jane. The King immediately telegraphed his sympathy in this new dilemma.

Old man McGonigle sold his steps last week at top figure, so his daughter, the charming Imogene, gave a soiree musicale at their magnificent residence.

As most people know, they got that place for a song from Bill Moran who went broke last year paying lawyers to get him acquitted of a cattle rustling charge. Miss McGonigle apologized very prettily for her father who had rather a skate on at the soiree, and the noise of his snoring was completely drowned by her piano solos. Miss McGonigle intends pursuing her musical studies at the Conservatoire on the Blackfoot Reserve which is famous for imparting a certain something into the most classical compositions.

Hippo Johnson, the energetic beef acquirer, has been a guest with the North West Mounted Police at Macleod for several weeks. The other day he reviewed the Guards and expressed great satisfaction with their inefficiency. Shortly after he took leave. I his entertainers. Although Mr. Johnson at the moment had neither money nor a good excuse, he turned himself loose, and is now whooping it up on the mountain tops.

A Letter
Editor, Eye Opener.

Allow me through your widely read paper, to ask how soon it will be before a date is set for the High River race meeting. Surely our sportsmen should renew their efforts for another good day of racing. In common with many others, I think a date should be set that will give the cowboys a good look-in. I hear that a polo tournament is being proposed. This game I do not know much about, but it is a society game, an exclusive function, not for the common herd. But we all understand racing. If the High River race meet is to play second fiddle to an aristocratic group of polo players, I, in common with the rest of the riff raff who make up the crowd, will be disappointed.

—Old Timer and Sport.

Bracken Sees A "Balkan" Canada

Says Ontario is Now Chief Beneficiary of Confederation, Retaliation Possible

Premier Bracken, seriously disappointed in the Sirois breakdown, said that the only thing to head off unfair tax burden on the less well-to-do, will be some alternative that will distribute burdens and opportunities more equitably.

Mr. Bracken claimed Ontario now is the chief beneficiary of confederation. "From its industries we in this part of the world are provided, at prices enhanced by the Canadian tariff, with most of the manufactured goods that we buy," he said.

"Its (Ontario's) automobile companies sell us cars at prices \$200 or \$300 or more above what is charged for cars of like value in the United States. Its insurance companies collect from us adequate insurance premiums for fire and life insurance protection and then lend us back these premiums under mortgages and debentures at adequate prices their machinery. Its bank and loan companies lend us at adequate rates of interest large sums of money.

"If, then, under these circumstances, we are to be denied such reforms as those recommended in the Sirois report the only logical course for us to take is to reduce to minimum the amount of business we do with these concerns.

"Not that we have anything against them: But by doing business with them, we enable them to transfer large amounts of wealth from the taxing authority of Manitoba to the taxing authority of Ontario. And if this process is to be only a one way traffic, we shall have to do our best to stop it before it pauperizes us.

"If we and other provinces . . . are forced into these measures of self-defence a truly united Canada will not long continue to exist."

Alberta Coal
Mr. Bracken said that in the case of Alberta "are we to be forced to say to Mr. Aherhart . . . why should we buy your coal, the movement of which incidentally from Alberta to other parts of Canada is subsidized."

Unfinished Strip On Trans Canada

Only 157 Mile Stretch in Northern Ontario Still Uncompleted; To be Undertaken This Year

The last link in the Trans-Canada, ocean to ocean highway will be undertaken this year. This is a 157 mile stretch in northern Ontario between Hearst and Geraldton (at present one has to drive 2,070 miles by motor to get from Hearst to Geraldton). 100 miles of this road have now been cleared but not graded. Completion of this 157 miles would cost about \$5,000,000. For 1200 miles from Halifax westward on the Trans-Canada there is unbroken pavement. There are broken stretches of pavement through Northern Ontario, and from the eastern border of Manitoba to the Pacific Coast about 793 miles is pavement. Great progress has been made in recent years and work will be pursued to keep the Canadian public travelling on its own side of the border.

Foothills School Unit Good Balance

The annual statement of the Foothills School division has been prepared, setting out in detail all features of operation. On Dec. 31, after two years' operation, the division had a balance on hand of \$8,650.54. There is also a balance of \$13,030 in the trust account, from moneys turned in by the small districts when the large unit was organized. The total actual revenue from all sources during the year was \$113,258, which includes revenues from municipal districts, government grants and so on.

During the year, the MacMillan school district was organized to serve the MacMillan Hutterite colony, bringing the total number of school districts in the division to 76.

The policy of closing one room schools, wherever better teaching service could be secured by doing so, has been continued in the past year, and 8 one-room schools have been closed in 1940. In two districts—Cottage and Kirkdale—which are closed, the children attend adjoining one-room schools. In all others the pupils are getting the advantage of graded school instruction.

Two unique setups have been introduced this year. Four schools, north of Vulcan—Highland, Snake Creek, Mayview and Red Cross—have a total enrolment of 46 pupils, in grades I to XII. The 31 pupils in Grades VII to XII are transported to Vulcan daily. The 13 remaining pupils of Grades I to VI attend the Red Cross school.

The Big Rock school, west of Okotoks, was overcrowded, so as an experiment, the 22 pupils from Grades I to VI are taught in the local school, and the 11 pupils from Grades VII to XII are carried by bus to Okotoks.

In respect to educational service, Grades I to VI make a first class teaching group in one classroom, and when the enrolment is low, results compare most favorably with graded schools. So the type of organization at Red Cross and Big Rock, gives the best of school advantages both to juniors and seniors.

Transportation—Pupils

There are a total of 1,108 pupils in the Foothills division. There are 603 enrolled in one-room schools; 229 in graded schools within the division, and 276 enrolled outside the division (at graded schools of Vulcan, High River, Blackie, etc.).

Evidence that rural children are taking advantage of high school education is shown in the fact that almost all pupils continue at least one year beyond the eighth grade, and the grades from X to XII show a 70% enrolment as compared with elementary grades.

There are 270 pupils or 24% of the total enrolment who are given advantage of regular bus or car conveyance operated under contract with a conveyance driver supplying his own equipment. There are also 60 pupils from 28 families for whom provision is made by cash allowance in lieu of conveyance. Payments are made on a distance schedule of rates, and this marks a forward step in equalizing school advantages, appreciated by parents residing long distances from school.

In the division there are now 45 operating districts—42 one-room schools, one two-room school, one three-room school and one four-room school.

Teaching Staff

The June term staff of 58 teachers is classified as follows: 19 returned to the same class rooms in Sept.; 20 were transferred to other classrooms in the division; 4 left the profession; 4 were granted leave of absence for further study; 1 was absent four months from illness; 10 contracts were terminated for positions elsewhere.

To make up the December term staff of 51 teachers, 12 new appointments were required.

On the staff of the division are two teachers with University degree; 41 with first class certificate (6 having part University); 8 second class (6 having part of Grade XII). Salary grades of 42 teachers in one-room schools range from \$840 to \$885. In graded schools, the lowest rate is \$855, the highest \$1,025. The average salary of the principals or the three graded school is \$1,200.

Supervision

Under the Divisional operation, the inspector sees that board policies are carried out. Much more time is given to administrative duties relating to libraries, school equipment, etc., and through decrease in actual territory to be covered more time is possible for increased attention to teaching methods. There have been 96 half-day classroom visits by the inspector; 10 shorter visits; monthly bulletins, periodic conferences; staff meetings, and so on. Special emphasis is placed on standardizing ratings of pupils from school to school. An adequate library budget has extended variety in oral reading, class talks, and individual reporting, bringing ease of speech. "Teachers are earnest, hard-working and keenly co-operative," says the inspector.

Building—Maintenance
A large well-lighted one-room school was built at Ensign at total cost of \$4,001. Mossleigh has secured a fourth room in 1940, with the Antrim school moved in to serve this purpose at cost of \$750.

The policy of employing a full-time carpenter has been continued by the board. In January, kitchen and sewing cabinets were installed at Mossleigh, and the cold weather period is

Be Wise--Economize!

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R & W Tomato Soup, 3 tins 25c
R & W Veg. Soup, 3 tins 25c
Burns Lard - - - 3 for 25c
Kraft Cheese - - - 2 lbs. 57c
Miracle Whip - - 32 oz. 47c
Walnuts (light meat) - - lb., 39c
Weston Sodas - - 2 lbs. 33c
Pure Plum Jam - - - 45c

2 Kellogg's Corn Flakes (12 oz) and 1 Tumbler - - 23c

Pitted Dates - - 2 lbs. 35c
Raisins - - - 2 lbs. 25c
Lima Beans - - 2 lbs. 27c
Tapoca - - - 2 lbs. 19c
Chili Beans - - 2 lbs. 21c
Soup Mix - - - 1 lb. 9c
Ginger Snaps - - 2 lbs. 29c
IBC Fancy Biscuits - lb., 24c
Rum & Butter Kisses, lb., 23c

APPLES, Rom. Beauty, 5 lbs. 23c
LEMONS - - per doz. 32c
ORANGES, large size, 2 doz. 69c
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used to build library shelves, primary and typing tables, washstands, bookcases, etc., for the schools. Other work of 1940 included 8 sets of school buildings, painted outside; 13 schools redecorated inside; new floors at Brant; 6 school re-shingled; work on teacher's ages, and many minor improvements in sport and general equipment through the district. Three rural schools have improved lighting with Venetian blinds.

Supplies
A year's supply of classroom, pupil and janitor supplies was bought by open tender in June. Pupils are charged out of pocket cost on exercise books and pencils. Standard class equipment has been provided, together with science equipment.

Through closing of some classrooms, there has been marked improvement possible in furniture, and the old double-desk has been almost eliminated.

A library earning a rating of \$5,320 was ready for circulation in September. Books are chosen for each individual school in terms of its needs, and in addition there is a smooth-running system of exchange operating amongst teachers to keep a wide range of books in circulation.

Special Subjects—Music, Etc.

Mossleigh is continuing general shop and home economics. In Brant, only home economics is being taught, because there were only three boys seeking the intermediate school course and the high school course could be postponed for a year. Hence general shop was set aside in favor of other options. Brant uses 18 of the 47 typewriters of the Unit this year. Next year this course will not be offered and the machines will be available to other classrooms. Mossleigh is operating 8 machines, and the other 21 typewriters are used in one-room schools.

During 1940 ten radios were bought and placed in service. Ten other classrooms have advantage of radio broadcasts.

Thirteen albums of phonograph music have been purchased for musical appreciation and are circulated in

13 school having phonographs. All graded schools have pianos, and only 8 one-room schools are now without pianos. All pianos are repaired and tuned by the division during the year.

SEEDTIME and HARVEST
By Dr. K. W. Neathy
Director, Agricultural Department
North-West Line Elevators Association

Soil Mining
At the Annual Conference of the Manitoba Agronomists an interesting and challenging paper was presented by M. J. Timline and H. J. Siemens. Its title is "Changes and Readjustments in Manitoba Cropping Practices," but it has equal significance for residents of Saskatchewan and Alberta. The following is an abstract of the authors' introductory statements:

In "new of the present wheat problem, this is an opportune time to encourage seeding down grasses and legumes. Manitoba farmers have been grain mining their soil too long. Older countries have had to maintain a high percentage of their land in grasses and legumes in order to protect their soils. Manitoba farmers must follow this same policy or their soils will be ruined. Serious drifting over much of the province, sheet erosion and gullying of the undulating lands are only foretastes of more severe erosion yet to come.

Here endeth the quotation. It is an interesting fact that, until quite recently, lectures and articles on crop rotations were considered to be of academic interest only. We believed that our prairie province soils were so abundantly fertile, that they would never wear out. Now, we know better.

Vitamin B₁
Much publicity has recently been afforded vitamin B₁, as a stimulator of plant growth. Dr. E. J. Kraus, of the University of Chicago, in an address before a joint meeting of the American Society of Agronomy and the Soil Science Society of America, on December 5, stated that most of the publicity was "just plain bunk."



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Oil Resources Increased By New Alta. Discoveries

Princess Field and Blood Indian Reserve Developments, Forecast Big Development

(From Financial Post)
The successful completion of Standard Oil's Princess No. 2 well, proving the important gas-yielding Steeple Valley area as a new source of Alberta crude oil, and the promising outlook for several other "wildcat" wells now near completion, has vitally and favorably affected the outlook for the Alberta oil industry at this start of a new year.

Now more certain than ever that the Foothills Province has several "Turner Valleys" awaiting discovery, oilmen are talking more confidently of heavily increased development, and an increased contribution to the nation's war effort during this year 1941.

Princess a Producer

The new bright chapter in Alberta oil history opened on Dec. 30, when Standard Oil of British Columbia's Princess No. 2 well was placed on production from the Madison limestone in the Steeple Valley field, 125 miles east of Calgary.

Showing the largest steady crude oil yield yet recorded in Alberta, outside of Turner Valley, the well was placed on production with a steady flow of 160 bbls. of crude and between 4.6 and 5 million cu. ft. of natural gas per day.

The success of Princess No. 2 is expected to lead to further and probably increased development in the area. While a large number of small acreage blocks are held by individuals and other companies dominate in the area.

Oil at Blood Indian

Further encouragement to the oil industry was the news early this week that the Northwest-West No. 1 well on the Blood Indian Reserve had topped its Madison limestone objective at 6,118 ft. and pulled core which dripped oil. Production string of cas-

ing was being set at 6,127 ft. recently. The test, located just southwest of the city of Lethbridge, is the first undertaken by the Northwest Co. under the agreement by which it is developing the extensive Blood Reserve holdings of West Petroleum Ltd.

Sylvatic Plague No Cause For Worry

Dr. Bow, Deputy Minister of Health, Says Westward Movement of Rats Not Cause for Alarm

Alarmist stories gain momentum these days and one of the recent reports is that there might be an outbreak of sylvatic plague in Alberta, due to the westward movement of rats. Dr. Bow, deputy minister of health, said this western trek had been noted, but he believed they were moving at the rate of about five a year and there was no cause for alarm. He said that reports that these rats were entering Saskatchewan did not prove that they were carrying the plague. Dr. Little, the Edmonton health official, says rats do not thrive here, and believed the Regina alarm was far-fetched.

It is said that such carnivorous birds as hawks, are suspected as being capable of transmitting the bubonic germ. Only one suspected death in recent years was that of a mink rancher at Hanna in 1937, and the rancher was feeding his mink on gophers. One infected gopher was found in 1939, and 6 in 1940, all in the district south-east of Hanna. Intensive poisoning campaigns were carried on in both years.

J. Brown, entomology instructor at U. of A., says that the only way to detect presence of the plague in gophers is by laboratory examination, but if in any area shows gophers lying dead without apparent reason, or a sudden decrease in gopher population, there should be care exercised in any handling of such gophers. The department of health should be notified. The plague is most readily transmitted by fleas, which can also carry to humans, but with very little danger, to domestic animals.

Neutral Ireland Limits Efficiency

With Aid of Eire Bases Britain Could Command Air and Increase Destroyer Power

If Britain could have bases in neutral Ireland it could have command of the air, and the efficiency of the destroyer fleet would be increased from 25% to 50%.

British airfields in the Midlands cannot act as bases for submarines—spotting planes—The planes have to detour so far round neutral Eire, that their gas supply becomes exhausted. This limits use of British aircraft. The Nazis have little farther to go from their Lorient base, and have equality in the air over the bottleneck in which so many ships are sunk.

With air bases on the Irish west coast the British could fill the air with medium scout bombers. They could call up destroyers to attack Nazi U boats and drop their own bombs. This would force the German submarines to operate farther out in the ocean, where ships would not be so concentrated.

If Britain could use several Eire bases, it could get in good work against the U boats. Destroyers have to go 125 miles to 250 miles farther to Belfast or Falmouth, losing a day on working schedule. Chamberlain gave the bases up to the Irish Free State, and Churchill wants them back.

Eire has persistently refused British aid in fortifying her coast, and refuses use of naval and air bases. German bombs have fallen in Eire but there is still no indication that Eire will yield.

Cattle Prices Best Since 1937

Increased Domestic Demand, Export Market to U.S.A. Absorbs Output

Cattle prices have been steadily rising, providing the brightest feature of the agricultural scene. Gains of \$1 to \$1.50 were made in December. Choice steers have brought \$9.50 on the Calgary market which is the best price since 1937.

Increased domestic demand for beef due to greater purchasing power resulting from wartime activity and employment is responsible for the situation, in the opinion of students of the livestock markets. Coupled with increased domestic demand is a good export trade to the United States. While exports are lower in volume than a year ago, they quickly remove any temporary surplus of heavy cattle and so avoid occasional market setbacks.

Information indicates farmers are not rushing cattle to the market to take advantage of prevailing prices. There is a tendency to hold and feed more cattle than in recent years. Thus the outlook for the future is

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CARD OF THANKS

Mr. Maher has been requested by Mr. M. L. T. Holder and his sisters, to say that they appreciate the last kind services rendered to their beloved brother, the late C. D. Holder, by his many good friends in Vulcan, and sincerely thank them for same.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Dr. Almond, the nurses at the hospital, and my friends for the many kindnesses shown during my recent illness. —W. F. BLACK

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. Paul and family wish to express their appreciation for the sympathy and kindness extended during their recent bereavement.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Mrs. M. A. Leverington wish to express their sincere appreciation of the many kindnesses shown during their recent bereavement.

good both from the point of view of the producer and the consumer. Steady prices and constant demand mean steady returns to the farmer. The feeding of large numbers of cattle, with a conservative marketing policy on the part of farmers, is like-

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

In the matter of the Estate of HERMAN GEORGE NORDHOFF late of QUEENSTOWN in the Province of Alberta, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims on the estate of HERMAN GEORGE NORDHOFF who died on the 4th day of December 1940, are required to file with the undersigned, EXECUTOR of his Will, by the 28th day of March 1941, a full statement duly verified, of their claims and of any securities held by them, and that after that date the EXECUTOR will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice has been so filed or brought to his knowledge. Dated at Vulcan, Alberta, this 30th day of January 1941.

LUKE H. STACK,
Solicitor for MARTIN BOJES,
The EXECUTOR

ly to prevent any tendency to sharp price advances in the immediate future.

Estimated value of live stock, shipped in Alberta direct to packers last year follows:

46,647 cattle, valued at \$2,565,585.
67,790 calves, valued at \$1,152,430.
56,663 sheep, valued at \$396,641.
1,147,776 hogs, valued at \$17,216,640
Sold at stock yards in Alberta:
140,006 cattle, valued at \$6,791,979.
31,884 calves, valued at \$544,336.
28,141 sheep, valued at \$193,634.
160,834 hogs, valued at \$2,451,967.

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